

Regular Meeting
Of the
San José
Transportation & Environment Committee
Held
August 27, 2007 at 9:00 A.M.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Forrest Williams; Vice Chair Sam Liccardo; Councilmember Judy Chirco;
Vice Mayor Dave Cortese

Chair Forrest Williams opened the meeting by asking the Committee for a motion to defer items #3, 5 and 8 that were recommended deferral by the Administration. Upon the motion by Vice Chair Sam Liccardo, and seconded by Councilmember Judy Chirco, the Committee voted to defer the items.

1. Update Report on California High Speed Rail/Bay Area Rail Transit Master Plan (DOT)

Department of Transportation staff presented an update on the Regional Rail Plan for the Bay Area. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA), BART, and Caltrain, along with a coalition of rail passenger and freight operators, have prepared the comprehensive plan as required in the Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Traffic Congestion Relief Program. The Regional Rail Plan study includes three phases. Phase one is the development of conceptual alternatives and screening criteria. Phase two is a rigorous screening of the conceptual alternatives and identification of the final study alternatives. Phase three details technical evaluations of the study alternatives and preparation of a draft and final plan identifying railroad, rapid transit, and high-speed rail extensions and services for the near (5-10 years), intermediate (10-25 years) and long term (beyond 25 years). The plan will examine ways to:

- Incorporate passenger trains into existing rail systems;
- Improve connections between passenger trains and other transit;
- Increase capacity for both passengers and freight rail systems;
- Develop strategies to preserve "right-of-way" for future rail lines;
- Identify urban locations where passenger rail can stimulate redevelopment.

The Regional Rail Plan also provides a detailed analysis of potential high-speed rail routes between the Bay Area and the Central Valley. The plan is not an environmental document and will not identify a preferred alignment alternative for High Speed Rail into the Bay Area. What it does is provide multiple views of how High Speed Rail can connect the Bay Area and what the impacts of each view would be on the operation of current and future Regional Rail programs. The City of San Jose has adopted and vigorously supported the Pacheco Pass alignment for high-speed rail into the Bay Area as the City's preferred alternative. Upon the motion of Vice Chair Sam Liccardo, and Councilmember Judy Chirco, the Committee voted to accept the report.

2. Report on the Implementation of an “Environmental Management System” to improve the Environmental Efficiency of City Operations Pilot and Expansion to Other City Operations (ESD – DEFERRED FROM MAY

Department of Environmental Services staff presented the report on the Environmental Management System (EMS) activities. An EMS is a set of processes and practices that enable an organization to reduce its environmental impacts and increase its operating efficiency. The EMS follows a methodical “Plan-Do-Check-Act” methodology. An EMS Core Team was formed to design and implement a Pilot program and chose the San Jose Municipal Water System (Muni) as the first division for implementation. The Core Team developed an environmental policy to serve as a guiding document and criteria for determining at what level departmental operations were impacting the environment. The Core Team also developed five criteria against which to measure each operational aspect. The criteria adopted are environmental compliance, environmental impact, stewardship, fiscal impact, and public impact. The Environmental Management System is well underway at Muni and the Core Team is now initiating the same process at the Water Pollution Control Plant. Upon the motion of Councilmember Judy Chirco, and seconded by Vice Chair Sam Liccardo, the Committee voted to accept the report.

3. Update Report on Recycle Water Master Plan and City of San Jose-Santa Clara Valley Water District Collaboration Efforts and Funding for Recycled Water Treatment Infrastructure (ESD) – DEFERRED FROM JUNE – RECOMMENDED DEFERRAL TO SEPTEMBER

4. Review of Current and Proposed Solar Energy Initiatives (ESD)

Department of Environmental Services staff presented the status report on the Solar Energy Initiatives. The report provided an update on the activities within the City to meet several goals related to the Council adopted Sustainable Energy Policy. As a part of the Mayor’s State of the City report, Mayor Chuck Reed spoke of “installing solar power on City buildings, like The Tech Museum of Innovation, in an effort to showcase our local clean and green solar technologies, educate our kids and community, end our addiction to oil, and help reduce global warming”. City staff has identified several City facilities that are believed to have significant solar potential. Staff has engaged in a qualified engineering firm to further assess the solar potential of many of these facilities. In March of 2007, the City’s interdepartmental energy/solar team submitted a proposal to the Department of Energy (DOE) for a Solar Showcase technical assistance award related to the Solar America Initiative (SAI). In May, the City was informed that it was one of only three projects within the United States to be awarded a project. The Committee suggested that staff look at the possibility of using solar at the airport. Since construction is underway this may be a good time to review options to incorporate solar into the project. Katy Allen, Director of Public Works, responded by mentioning that the lighting fixtures will be environmentally friendly. Ms. Allen will talk to airport staff to insure that a section regarding use of solar at the airport will be included in their report that is scheduled to come to the Committee in September. Upon the motion of Councilmember Judy Chirco, and seconded by Vice Chair Sam Liccardo, the Committee voted to accept the report.

5. Status Report on Las Plumas EcoPark Site Development (ESD) – RECOMMENDED DEFERRAL TO NOVEMBER

6. Recycle Plus Transition Update (ESD)

Department of Environmental Services staff presented the final update on the 2007 Recycle Plus Hauler Transition. Staff was pleased to report that the transition went very smoothly. Garden City Sanitation (GCS), California Waste Solutions (CWS), and Green Waste Recovery (GWR) did an exemplary job in setting up appropriate routes. This was evident by the low call volumes received by the Customer Contact Center in the Information Technology Department. On the first day of collection, all drivers were able to complete their regular routes before the 6pm City cut-off time. ESD staff operated a

Transition Operations Center (TOC) that was created to accept and respond to correspondence received from Council Offices; provide support to the Customer Contract Center and San Jose residents; and act as headquarters for the new contractors, route auditors, and ESD staff. After the first week of collection it became clear that the operations were going so smoothly that it would not be necessary to perform route audits past the second week. ESD staff is now in the maintenance phase with the new contracts. Staff is also identifying new ways that Recycle Plus can help the City align with the zero waste goals included in the Urban Environmental Accords. Steve Jones from Garden City Sanitation thanked the Committee and all of the City Council for having faith in them during the transition. Mr. Jones thanked the consultants and ESD staff for their hard work and the excellent job that everyone did to keep all of the transition companies focused and on schedule. All of the members of the Committee congratulated everyone involved in the transition. A clean transition sends out a message that says we are capable and can achieve anything if we work together for a common goal. Upon the motion of Councilmember Judy Chirco, and seconded by Vice Chair Sam Liccario, the Committee voted to accept the report.

7. Progress Report on Strategies to Reduce Deferred Maintenance and City Infrastructure Backlog (CMO)

City Manager's Office staff presented the progress report on strategies to reduce deferred maintenance and infrastructure backlog for City facilities. In February, the City Council, Council Appointees and senior management staff met to develop the City's three-year high priority goals. The Mayor's March Budget Message for fiscal year 2007-08 took these goals and other community outreach efforts, and identified reduction of the City's deferred maintenance and infrastructure backlog as one of the City's top five priorities. Staff was directed to create a Two-Year Infrastructure Work Plan. A senior staff committee and core team working group have been meeting on a regular basis to assemble specific program needs, condition standards, asset management systems and existing and proposed funding strategies. To address the complexity and magnitude of the City's assets, staff has grouped them into the thirteen programs:

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| 1. Airport | 8. Transportation Infrastructure |
| 2. Building Facilities | 9. Sanitary Sewer System |
| 3. Convention Center and other Cultural Facilities | 10. Service Yards |
| 4. City Facilities operated by Others | 11. Storm Sewer System |
| 5. Fleet | 12. Water Pollution Control Plant |
| 6. Parks, Open Space and Pools | 13. Water Utility System |
| 7. Technology | |

Over the course of the next several months staff will be engaging in discussions with the Council and community stakeholders to carefully evaluate and weigh options based on program needs and the likelihood of success of funding initiatives. Based on input and discussions at the Council, Committee and Study Sessions, staff will refine recommended strategies and present them to Council in December 2007. Upon the motion of Vice Chair Sam Liccario, and seconded by Councilmember Judy Chirco, the Committee voted to accept the report.

8. Proposed Amendment to the Airport Design Build Contract for the Consolidated Rental Garage (ConRAC) and Other Adjustments (AIRPORT/PW) -- RECOMMENDED DEFERRAL TO SEPTEMBER

9. Report on Key Legislative Issues (CMO)

City Manager's Office staff presented the report on key legislative matters concerning transportation and the environment. Highlighted in the report was SB641 which removes several significant limitations under current law on when the City can begin collecting customer facility charges (CFC's), how much CFC's can be raised and how long the Airport has to repay bonds issued and secured by CFC's. CFC's will be used to cover the bulk of the costs of the consolidated rental car facility

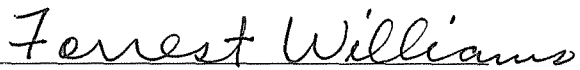
scheduled for construction as part of the Terminal Area Improvement Program at Mineta San Jose International Airport. Also highlighted was the Proposition 1B Implementation update. Included in Proposition 1B was \$2 billion for Local Streets and County Roads. This program provides that the funding would be split 50/50 between California's cities and counties. Upon the motion of Councilmember Judy Chirco, and seconded by Vice Chair Sam Liccardo, the Committee voted to accept the report.

10. Oral Petition

There were no oral petitions at this time.

11. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 10:55 a.m.


Councilmember Forrest Williams
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